**The Ramblers - St Andrews & N.E. Fife Group**

St Andrews and NE Fife Ramblers decided to ‘go forth’ for their first outing of 2019 with a walk across the Forth Road Bridge. Setting out from a mist-shrouded Cupar it seemed unlikely that we would be able to enjoy the western and eastern views anticipated in the walks programme. Nevertheless, 11 members and 6 visitors from other groups convened at Ferrytoll car park in hope if not expectation. When we reached the bridge we were pleasantly surprised to find that we could in fact see reasonably far, and the mist swirling around the three structures towering overhead and to either side added an extra grandeur to our surroundings. Works are still being carried out on the Road Bridge and we were obliged to walk over and back on the same side; so while we were able to admire the impressive Queensferry Crossing in both directions, we had to make do with glimpses of the Rail Bridge through the framework of the Road Bridge. The experience was enhanced by our walk leader’s well-researched facts and figures about the bridges.

On reaching the southern side we headed for the observation point which allowed us to admire the splendour and scale of all three bridges together, providing great photo opportunities and, importantly, a convenient stopping place for lunch. This was followed by a leisurely stroll through South Queensferry and up to the base of the imposing Rail Bridge, still veiled in mist. We then retraced our steps back over the bridge to Fife, and completed a most enjoyable day out with our customary tea and excellent scones at a nearby café.

Our next walk is tomorrow, Saturday 19th January from Craigtoun Country Park via Kincaple to St Andrews. Grade C+, 6 miles. This linear walk follows undulating tracks and paths, minor roads and part of the coastal path. This is walk number 8 in St Andrews Local Walks Leaflet. Contact 01334 474305.

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Come and try your first walk with us to see if Ramblers is for you!